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1958

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This Report is based on the instructions of the Ministry of Health contained in Circulars 33/52 and 16/55, and follows the arrangement detailed in Form Port 20.

SECTION 1 - STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Quali-fications	Any other Appointments held
J.H.Wildman	Medical Officer of Health	January 1958	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. (Lond).	Medical Officer of Health for Paignton & Borough of Dartmouth.
F.L. Godfrey	Public Health Inspector	1926 to 5.10.58.	M.R.S.H. F.A.P.H.I.	
M. Durham Watson	Public Health Inspector	From 15.10.58.	M.A.P.H.I.	

Clerks: Mrs. S.Mitchelmore, Mrs. S.Beaumont.

Address and Telephone Number of the Medical Officer of Health:-

Public Health Department, Town Hall, Brixham. Telephone: Brixham 2206.

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage (Nett)	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Public Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	582	75,660	Nil	Nil	Nil
Coastwise	567	202,149	Nil	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	1,149	277,809	Nil	Nil	Nil

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SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	Number of Passengers INWARDS - 1,020 Number of Passengers OUTWARDS - Nil.
Cargo Traffic	Principal IMPORTS - Diesel Oil Principal EXPORTS - Oil, Limestone
Principal Ports from which ships arrived in 1958: Casablanca, Antwerp, Dunkirk, St. Malo, Sydney, Far Eastern Ports, Mediterranean Ports.	

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no inland barge traffic in the area.

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

NO CHANGE.

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952

NO CHANGE.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

(1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox cases are sent from the District.

Upton Pyne Smallpox Hospital, Nr. Exeter.
Telephone: Stoke Cannon 207.

(2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the crews.

Arrangements are made by telephone message to the Resident Physician at Whipton Isolation Hospital, Exeter (Telephone: Exeter 67158). The vehicle is supplied by Exeter City Health Department, and is staffed by the hospital. All members of the crew are vaccinated regularly.

(3) Names of Smallpox Consultants available.

The Consultants are:-

Dr. D.F. Johnstone, The Isolation Hospital, Plymouth.
Telephone: Plymouth 64311 and 61437.

Dr. W.A. Lister, 7, The Crescent, Plymouth.
Telephone: Plymouth 5701.

(4) Facilities for Laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Specimens are sent to the Central Public Health Laboratory, (Virus Reference), Colindale, Hendon, London, N.W.4.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

NO CHANGE.

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	No. of cases during the year		No. of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ports.	-	-	-	-

A short account should be given of the measures taken on the arrival by ship of (a) any case of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus, or relapsing fever included in Table D; (b) any suspected case of any such disease.

NIL.

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS OF THE OCCURRANCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS

NIL.

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

NIL.

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

(1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

The Public Health Inspector makes enquiries of masters of ships as to the presence of, or undue mortality among rats. He also inspects ships, quays, wharves and stores at regular intervals for signs of the presence of rats.

(2) Arrangements for the Bacteriological or Pathological examination of rodents with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

These examinations are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service, 7, Dix's Field, Exeter. No rodents were sent for examination.

(3) Arrangements in the District for de-ratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

Arrangements are made for this service to be carried out at Plymouth.

(4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

This has not been required owing to the limited nature of shipping entering the port.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Category	Number
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

Brixham is not an approved port under Article 52 of the International Sanitary Regulations.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and number of inspections.	Notices served		Result of serving Notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
General ..... Nil			

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH)

REGULATIONS, 1934 AND 1948

NO CHANGE.

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

(Applicable only to ports approved for the landing of aliens).

NO CHANGE.

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

NO CHANGE.

I wish to express my thanks to the Public Health Inspector for his assistance, and to the Officers of H.M. Customs and the Harbour Master for their co-operation.

JOHN WILDMAN

Medical Officer of Health.

23rd March, 1959.